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## NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week. DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

MR. VAN WYCK introduced a bill in the Senate, Dec. 15, to reduce by one-half the freight rates on the Union and Central Pacific roads. Petitions were presented for a constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women, and to permit colonies of families to lay out villages on public lands. There was considerable discussion on Mr. Anthony's resolution concerning the proscription of American meats in Europe. Mr. Logan favored open retaliation; Mesars. Vest and Ingalis thought a thorough system of inspection by the Government would have a salutary effect, while Mr. McPherson explained the system of slaughtering. American cattle at British ports. The report of the committee appointed in February, 1883, to examine the work of improvement along the Mississippi river was presented to the Senate. The system in use between St. Paul and the mouth of the Illinois is commended as adequate, and should, according to the views of the committee, be pushed to completion. The committee recommend that suitable appropriations be made; that the right of the Government to mate ial found on bars and islands. Petitions were presented for a constitutional Government to mate ial found on bars and isl-ands be distinctly declared; that control be re-tained over reclaimed lauds; and that persons tained over reclaimed lauds; and that persons interfering with the channel or any Government work be properly punished. In the House of Representatives, bills were reported for the retirement of Alfred Pleasanton as Major General, appropriating \$1,000.00 to close the gaps of the levees of the Mississippi, and to make all public roads and highways post routes. Mr. Townshend introduced a bill to authorize the President, during the recess of Congress, to prohibit imports injurious to the public health, by way of retaliation. There was a spirited debate on the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to continue Mississippi river improvements.

A BILL restoring to the public domain the lands granted to the Iron Mountain railroad, because the route diverged from the contemplated line, was passed by the Senate Jan. 16. Mr. Miller introduced a bill to provide means to extirpate pleuro-pneumonia. During the consideration of the joint rules Mr. Frye charged that eration of the joint rules Mr. Frye charged that any person can walk into the Congressional res-taurant and purchase whisky by the cup. An order was therefore passed excluding intoxicat-ing liquors from the Capitol restaurant. At the executive session Col. Robert Murray was confirmed as Surgeon General. Mr. Hear called up his bill providing for the counting of the electoral vote, being the same as that passed by the Senate of the Forty-seventh Congress. It was again passed without debate. Congress. It was again passed without debate. In the House bills were introduced appropriat-ing \$1,000,000 to improve the Eric canal and ing \$1,000,800 to improve the Erie canal and maintain it free to commerce, and to authorize the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls. Resolutions were passed authorizing a bill to appropriate the sum necessary to pay claims for rebate on tobacco; calling for a report of the carnings of each United States Marshal, Attorney, and Clerk for the past ten years, and permitting students from Guatemala and Nicaragua to receive instruction at West Foint without expense to the Government. After a long discussion, the House and Schate bills appropriating \$1,000,900 for improvements on the Mississippi river were reported from the committee of the whole.

A MEMORIAL from William Pitt Kellogg, asking an investigation of the charges brought against him in connection with the Texas and Pacific land grant, was presented in the Senate Jan. 17. Petitions were presented for an appropriation of \$500,000 to improve the entrance to Columbia river, and for the appointment of a commission on the liquor traffic. fills were introduced to establish a board of interstate commerce and to recure reasonable rates of transportation over railroads aided by the Government. The executive session was devoted to the Mexican treaty. The House, by a vote of 215 to 64, passed the Sente bill appropriating \$1,60,000 for conbill appropriating \$1,000,000 for contracing the improvement of the Missis-sippi. A communication was received tender-ing the Marine hospital at Eric to the Government for a home for soldiers and sailors. A bill was reported to grant a pension to the surviving grandchild of Thomas Jefferson. Se retary Poiger reported to the House that within the past eighteen months the issue of gold certifi-cates was \$107,000.00, and during three years the value of sliver certificates put out was \$119,-

THE Senate received a message from the President, Jan. 18, recommending that a relief expedition be dispatched for the Greely party. and asking that immediate action be taken in the matter. A bill was favorably reported to early out the supplemental treaty with China, carry out the supplemental treaty with China, by prohibiting the traffic in optum between the two countries. In executive session the Mexican treaty failed for lack of one vote. The Senate in executive session rejected the Mexican treaty. A motion was made to reconsider, pending which the Senate adjourned until Monday, list. In the House, Mr. Bayne introduced a bill for a public building at Allegheny City. The remainder of the day was consumed in de-The remainder of the day was consumed in de-bate on the Fitz John Porter bill in committee of the whole. Msssrs, Slocum and Lyman spoke in favor of and Mr. Steele in opposition to the

### EASTERN.

The funeral of Charles Delmonico took place from the Church of St. Leo, in New York. The ladies of the family were too ill to attend. Every hotel in the city was represented. The remains were placed in the Delmonico vault in St. Patrick's cathedral.

James Egan, ex-Speaker of the New Jersey House, has been sentenced to a month in the penitentiary and \$500 fine for attempting to bribe an Assemblyman at the last session of the Legislature.

Edward Tappan, in prison at Hunter's Point, L. I., for the Townsend outrage, confessed that his brother, John B. Tappan, on the evening of Nov. 17 last, killed Mrs. and Anna Maybee by strangling them to death on the barn floor, then assaulted Mr. Maybee and robbed the premises.

Another appalling marine disaster is reported. The steamer City of Columbus, bound from Boston to Savannah, with eightytwo first-class and twenty-two steerage pas' sengers, was wrecked on a ledge of rocks off the Island of Martha's Vineyard, at a point thirty miles directly south of New Bedford, Mass. All the boats were swamped. Many persons left the vessel in various descriptions of floating devices, but all lost their lives save seventeen. About 130 lives were lost.

Three men were killed by an explosion in a dynamite factory at Allentown, Pa., and three small buildings were destroyed.

By the explosion of a boiler in the shoe factory of E. Y. & E. Wallace, at Rochester, N. H., four men were killed and six injured. The engineer had weighted down the safety-valve with a brick. A portion of the boiler went through the base of a chimney ninety feet high, which toppled over upon the factory.

Two persons were killed by a bursting boiler at Hunter's Point, L. I.

A special Treasury officer in New York seized a mail package from Amsterdam which contained diamonds valued at \$20,000.

# WESTERN.

Nearly 1,000 workmen in the three largest tobacco factories at Petersburg, Va.,

have struck against a reduction of wages. In a sermon at Salt Lake, Apostle Teasdale asked the Saints to bear testimony that plural marriage is a necessity to the church.

Amelia Olsen, an attractive young scamstress of Chicago, was the victim of an outrage by unknown persons, her corpse be-

ing found at a lonely spot on the prairie. Hyde ... Turcotte, fancy goods, Mont-She had evidently been strangled with a cord and conveyed to a snow-bank. Her money and jewelry were left by the murders.

A bronze statue of the late Oliver P. Morton, over eight feet in height, for which \$12,500 was raised by popular subscrip tion, was formally unveiled at Indianapolis. After paying expenses and taxes, the

earned last year \$8,216,859. Eight men were horribly scalded by the explosion of a boiler in a grist-mill at

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad

Columbia, Mo. John Elfers was hanged in Washington Territory. He killed a man who would

not pay a pebt of 50 cents. Leroy Donovan, supposed to be a son of the Mormon Bishop John D. Lee, was hanged at Rawlins, Wyoming, for killing a barber of Rock Springs, named William Leighton.

#### SOUTHERN.

At Weatherford, Tex., the west-bound Texas Pacific passenger train was wrecked by a broken rail. Thirty passengers were injured, some very seriously. A bill has gone through the Texas

Senate to punish fence-cutting by imprisonment for two to five years. In a row at Dallas, Miss., one man

was killed, two mortally hurt, and several others seriously injured. THE first Jewish temple at Memphis,

#### erected at a cost of \$40,000, was dedicated. WASHINGTON.

Richelieu Robinson threatens to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the rumors floating about in regard to Abram Hewitt's interview with Minister West on the case of O'Donnell.

The Congressional delegations from Illinois and lowa met in a hotel at Washington to organize in behalf of the Michigan and Mississippi canal improvement. John C. Dore and others delivered addresses, and a committee of five was appointed to report a plan of action.

Senator Edmunds entertains no doubt of the constitutional right of the government to construct telegraphs, but he is strongly opposed to the purchase of existing lines.

The annual report of the Agricultural Department at Washington puts the corn erop of Illinois at 8,151,463 acres, yielding 203,786,500 bushels, being an average of twenty-five bushels per acre. Illinois is the banner State, no other having as large an acreage or producing as many bushels. The next highest is Iowa, which has 660,-621 acres, though Kansas, which has 478,473 acres, has a larger number of bushels than Iowa, her total being 172,800,000, against Jowa's 169,639,000. Illinois has almost one eighth of the total corn acreage of the entire country, and over one-eighth of the total yield, the yield running 23.10 bushels per acre, which is above the average. It is, however, a curious fact that the New England States have a higher number of bushels per nere than Illinois.

The bill of Representative Townshend for the adopt on of retaliatory measure against France and Germany was defeated in the House Committee on Commerce.

C. P. Huntington made his appearance at Washington before the House Committee on Public Lands, in behalf of the California and Oregon railroad, as the representative of a company which always performed its contracts within the specified time, and argued against the forfeiture of the

### POLITICAL.

In the Obio House of Representatives a Republican member, named Love, offered a resolution for a select committee of five to investigate the charges by leading Democrats that Henry B. Payne was elected Senator by the use of money. Various amendments were proposed, when the original resolution was defeated, members voting

without regard to party. The Democratic members of the Texas Legislature, in session at Austin, were interviewed upon political topics. One-half of them were in favor of Thurman for President, and nearly all expressed themselves in favor

of a radical revision of the tariff. Senator-elect Payne, of Ohio, after receiving congratulations from a large number of his party friends, gave a banquet in Columbus to about 200 members of the Legislature and State officials. He delivered a long speech, in which he discussed the tariff, the civil service, and other political topics.

Hon. F. W. Rockwell, Republican, has been elected to Congress from the Tweifth district of Massachusetts, to succeed Gov. Robinson.

The Iowa Republican State committee, at its meeting in Des, Moines, decided to hold two State conventions. The first, to choose delegates to the National convention, will be held May 7.

The Kansas Republican State Central committee will meet at Topeka on Feb. 6 to call a State convention to select delegates to the National convention at Chi-

The Indiana Republican State Central committee has ordered the holding of a convention in Indianapolis for nominating four delegates from the State at large to the National convention, April 17 being fixed upon as the date. The State convention for the nomination of a ticket will be held at

Indianapolis June 19. Judge E. K. Wilson has been elected United States Senator from Maryland, to succeed James B. Groome.

### BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The commercial failures were neither so numerous nor heavy the past week as during the previous seven days. Following embrace the business collapses of note reported by telegraph:

Neshit & Co., cotton, Savannah, Ga... \$ 100,000 S. B. Beshore, groseries, Marlon, Ind.
J. H. Yellman, hemp, Lexington, Ky.,
Duncan A. Grant, laces, New York,
H. F. Burchard, fine slock, New York,
H. & B. Dessoir, furniture, New York,
J. C. Hauge, boots and shoes, Aberdeen,
Dakota 

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P. W. Gerhard, agricultural implements, Austin, Tegas.
Isaac & Samuels, clothing, New York.
Bloch & Co., printers, Cincinnati.
Thomas, Purycar & Docomb, hardware,
Evansville, Ind.
Kelly, Gilchrist & Co., hardware, San
Francisco Francisco has. Hudson, general store, Wauna-kee, Wis. kee, Wis. 10,000
Waterman & Co., grain, San Francisco. 1,000,000
Buckley & Co, dry goods, Utica, N. Y. 200,000
Johnson & Austin, wood, New York. 75,000
James Besland, dry g ods, New York. 50,000

Ohic. E. Tepil, clothing, Lancaster, Ohio. Sell, general merchant, Farmerville

& A. Parsons, builders, New York Coleman & Co., grain brokers, J. M. Fuller & Co., grain brokers, New Henry, Cotten & Co., groceries, Peoria, M. s. Davis, millinery, Columbus, Ohio. S. Hogan, jeweiry, Cleveland Ohio.....

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#### THE DEATH ROLL.

Charles H. Van Fossen, a wellknown Kansas City journalist; State Senator Pliny Hoagland, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; W. P. Rathburn, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Chattanooga, Tenn.; John William Wallace, President of the Pennsylvania Historical society; Dr. H. A. Dubois, leading physician of New Haven, Ct.; Gen. Fadejew, Russian Director of Roads and Canals; Hen. David Sankey, of New Castle, Del., father of the famous evangelist; Hon. Philip Phillips, ex-member of Congress from Alabama; Samuel Williamson, a leading citizen of Cleveland, Ohio; Abram French, for fortyfive years a crockery importer at Boston; Charles Delmonico, famous restaurateur, of New York; Ex-Congressman S. Bridges, of Allentown, Pa.; Mrs. Valeria Stone, of Malden, Mass., who had distributed \$1,500,000 in educational endowments; George Swarbrick, an eminent New Orleans merchant; John Martin, of Alton, Ill., aged 102 years; Ralph Sellew, a leading citizen of St. Louis, Mo.; Amos D. Lockwood, a leading cotton manufacturer of Providence, R. I.; Wm. G. Reed, a prominent lawyer and politician of

#### FIRE RECORD.

The weekly record of fires, where the loss was \$10,000 and upward, is as follows:

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Cincinnati, Ohio, Procter & Gamble's
Soap works
Monticello, Ill., grain elevator
Lucas, Ohio, Lemon's store
Selma, Ala., cotton warehouse
Montreal, Canada, Davis' cigar factory 16
Paducah, Ky., two grocery stores 1
Base City Mich. of county jail
Columbus, Ohio, county jail.  Bay City, Mich., six small stores.  Steubenville, Ohio, paper mill.  Natchiteches, La., three general stores.  Evansburg, Pa., hotel.  Waupun, Wis., residence.
Natchitoches, La., three general stores.
Evansburg, Pa., hotel
Wanpun, Wis., residence 1
Elgin, Ill., barns and cattle 1
Butler, Ky., saw mill. Pittsburg, Kan., five stores. Stillwater, Minn., State prison shops 26 Chicago, Ill., Fisk's millinery store. Monticello, Ind., five stores.
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Chicago, Ill., Fisk's millinery store
Monticello, Ind., five stores
Ipswich, Mass., cloth mills Heston, Maks., telephone offices Trenton, Ga., four stores Beloit, Wis., machinery warehouse. Nashville, Tenn., State prison shops.
Roston, Maka., telephone offices
Trenton, Ga., lour stores
Nashvilla Town State prison shope
Newcastle Del woolen mills
Auburn, N. Y., railroad repair shops 2
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Selma, Ala., opera house 1
Teledo, Ohio, orphan asylum 1
Blunt, Dakota, three stores
Onalaska, Wis., brewery
Jonesboro, Ga., cotton warehouse
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Jenesville, Wis., Baptist church 4
New York city, three warehouses, 3
Naples, Ill., ten stores
Port Norris, N. J., Baptist church 2
Middleport, N. Y., Episcopal church
Setteman Mo. stores
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Galesville, Wis., University building 2
Columbus, Ga., female college
Akron, Ohio, flouring-mill 6 Baird, Texas, twelve stores. 8
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### MISCELLANEOUS.

There is a steady decrease in the number of whaling vessels sailing from Atlantic ports. The last year proved an unprofitable season.

The Austrian Minister of Commerce has approved of a scheme for a monthly line of steamers between Trieste and New York. The Southern Pacific read has arranged for a direct line of steamers between Trieste and New Orleans.

Mr. Robert Harris has been elected President of the Northern Pacific Railroad company. Mr. Harris has for some years been President of the New York, Lake Eric & Western railroad, and is a man of great

capacity and energy. While the failures last week were more numerous than in any week since resumption commenced, they were almost wholly confined to small traders.

Sharp shocks of earthquake were felt last week at Contocook, N. H., and Wilmington and Beaufort, N. C.

### FOREIGN.

Four thousand unemployed citizens of Paris met and listened to speeches favoring armed revolution to end the stagnation

Count Herbert von Bismarck, the German Chancellor's son, has been transferred from the London to the St. Petersburg embassy. Bismarck's organ says this is a new evidence of the friendly relations between Russia and Germany.

The Egyptian Minister of War estimates that the evacuation of the Soudan will occupy seven months and require an outlay of £1,000,000.

The unusual activity and arrival of stores at Woolwich arsenal gives rise to the belief that England intends to dispatch reenforcements to Egypt. At Newcastle, Mr. Chamberlain said

the Government had determined to bestow upon Ireland the same rights and privileges enjoyed by England and Scotland. The tunnel under the Mersey river.

connecting Cheshire and Lancashire, has been "Chinese" Gordon is to be allowed to

retain his commission in the British army. t otwithstanding his departure for the Congo country in the service of the King of the Bel-By the fall of a cage in the Gamont

colliery, in Wales, eleven persons were instantly killed. The police of Dublin refused to permit Mr. Biggar, M. P., to speak at a dinner

given him by the Nationalists. Egyptian insurgents have cut off the retreat of the garrisons in Sennaar, and, by sunken boats, have made the Nile impassable below Duen.

Farmers plowed fifty acres of Parnell's land. One hundred and sixty plows were in use.

Monsignor Cesare, a church digni-

tary at Rome, was murdered in bed and his

room plundered The immigrants into . the United States from the principal foreign countries during the past year numbered 560,196.

The Chinese have suspended the work of obstructing the Canton river, on account of a protest by the British Govern-

The King of Spain has accepted the resignation of the Ministry, and has called on Canovas del Castillo to form a new cab-

#### LATER NEWS ITEMS.

C. P. Huntington, before leaving Washington for New York, revealed to an interviewer some of the intentions of the Southern Pacific monopolists. He virtually threatens that if Congress forfeits the old Texas Pacific land-grant he and his associates will, by protracted litigation, prevent the people from settling on the lands' for the next twenty years, even if the railroad does not, by its peculiar methods, succeed in securing a favorable decision. Huntington distinctly stated that there is nothing in the recently published letters which he wants to take back or apologize for. He declares that he will not take any hand in the fight against the bills to regulate interstate

Near Ouray, Col., Mike Cuddihie and his wife, who had been arrested for the murder of Rose Matthews, a little girl whom they had recently taken from a home in Denver, were taken from the officers by vigilants and hanged. The child's body was found covered with knife-wounds, a leg had been broken, her skull was crushed in, and her limbs had been frozen

The firm of Williams & Guion, New York, has been disselved because of the financial embarrassment of Wm. H. Guion, who made an assignment, and has liabilities approaching \$2,000,000. Other members of the house, or the company itself, are not involved, and a new firm has been organized under the name of Guion & Co. It is stated that Wm. H. Guin has no assets.

It is officially arnounced that the Khedive of Egypt has not the slightest intention of resigning.

The depressed state of the money market, owing to the Tonquin excitement, has caused several Chinese bankers to com-

The police of St. Petersburg discovered a secret printing office, and arrested eighteen persons connected therewith. Miss Hogarth has taken measures to

prevent the publication in England of Charles Dickens' letters to his solicitor. Lord Lytton's biography of his father finds little favor, on account of its high price. The retreat of the Egyptian troops

and Europeans at Khartoum has been cut off. and Berbu is also beleaguered and massacres are imminent. Gen. Gordon goes to Khar toum with full powers to arrange a settle-The new Spanish ministry has been

announced. Canovas del Castillo has been selected as President of the Council, who says that the programme of the Government will be based on liberal lines, and that he will constantly endeavor to keep free from interternational politics.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by grave-robbers to steal the remains of the Right Rev. V. Whelan, late Bishop of the diocese of Wheeling, W. Va.

Messrs, John and William Redmond, members of Mr. Parnell's Parliamentary party, who have been in Australia for nearly a year organizing Land leagues, are now on a speech-making tour through the United States. They repudiate the dynamite policy of the Irish extremists, and say that nearly all the people of Ireland have the greatest confidence in Mr. Parnell.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads has decided to report a bill comsurveying and selecting lands given in aid of construction.

THE House of Representatives devoted its session on Jan. 19 to debate on the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter. Messrs. Slocum and McAdoo made speeches in favor of the measure, while Messrs. Cutcheon, Brown and Taylor opposed it. The feature of the debate was a remark made by Gen. Slocum. He charged President Garfield with having introduced the claim, and ironically referred to the military which the military wisdom of the members, which provoked hisses and great confusion. Mr. Cutcheon said Forter's action could be explained only by his hatred of Gen. Pope, and made the point that not even cowardice could be alleged as an excuse for inaction. The Senate was not

#### THE MARKET. NEW YORK.

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### IN A SEA OF FLAMES.

Burning Oil Envelope a Train on a The Stanch Steamer City of Co-Pennsylvania Railroad.

Three Persons Cremated, and Thirty Others Badly Injured.

(Bradford (Pa.) Dispatch.) One of those disasters peculiar to the oil country shocked the people of Bradford today. An entire passenger train on the Bradford, Borwell and Kinzua Narrow-Gauge railroad was destroyed by fire. The train ran through a river of oil which had escaped from a burst tank on the steep hill and coursed down over the snow and into the bed of the track, down which it ran for fully half a mile. The grade at that point, which was very steep, allowed this great leeway. The train consisted of an express car and passenger coach, both well filled with passengers. The engineer was not aware of the dangerous ground his train was

traversing.

The moment the oil came in contact with the furnace of the engine it ignited and at once enveloped the entire train in a mass of flame. The engineer, Patrick Sexton, ap-plied the air-brake and reversed the engine. The halt was very brief. The track for over 600 feet ahead was a roaing sea of flame. Great clouds of dense black smoke ascended heavenward. The engineer opened wide the throttle, and away thundered the train through a sea of smoke, flame, and oil. The speed attained was terrible, and acted as a huge fan to the configration. The engineer saw a sharp curve ahead, and, quickly reversing his engine, with his fireman, Mike Walsh, jumped into the snowbank which lined both sides of the road. Both were ter ribly burned. The entire train was derailed and thrown down an embankment.

In the fire-hemmed coach the scene beggared description. Locked in and helpless in furnace of fire, traveling at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, their anguish knew no bounds. Men of nerve lost their heads, women fell to the floor in a swoom, and the cries and lamentations of little shildren were eartrending.

There was a dash through doors and windows and through the sweeping flames, which cooked the fesh and singed the hair on the faces and heads of the imprisoned passen-

In the dash for liberty it was everybody for themselves, and men in their desperation jumped from the speeding train and fell prostrate to the ground, burned and mangled. So intense was the heat that one minute after the train entered the sea of fire every window was cracked. Two-thirds of the passengers jumped through the narrow windows, the majority escaping with severe burns, while the lucky few escaped without a scratch. Three persons, all of them women, were found burned to death, and about thirty more or less seriously injured. Some of the injured will in all probability die. Several of the persons extricated from the wreck have their limbs charred so badly that they will have to be amoutated.

#### GEN. SHERMAN.

Is He a Presidential Candidate?

[Washington Special to Chicago Tribune.] There is considerable excitement among politicians here consequent upon a credited rumor that Senator John Sherman and ex-Speaker Keifer had concluded an alliance to press Gon. William Tecumseh Sherman for the Republican Presidential nomination. Gen. Sherman is on the ground, and, although never allied with Republican politics, has been taken down badly with the Presidential disunder no circumstances would he become a candidate. Rumor has it that overtures have already been made to ex-Senator Conkling to favor Gen. Sherman's nomination, and that Congressman Belford was the embassador. but the latter statement is discredited. Congressman Belford did have certain conferences with ex-Senator Conkling, the supposed object of which was to effect a reconciliation between Conkling and President Arthur, in which mission he has not so far

### FINANCIAL LEGISLATION.

John Sherman's Currency Bill. At the meeting of the Senate Finance Committee, says a Washington dispatch, Mr. Sherman proposed an important amendment to his own bill, designed to meet the objection that the measure would base the amount of pelling all subsidized lines to pay the cost of circulation upon a fluctuating standard. He proposed to authorize the Secretary to issue national bank notes up to 90 per cent. of the face value of 3 per cent. bonds deposited as security for circulation. Where higher-rate bonds were deposited he proposed to compute the interest above 3 per cent, and allow a circulation to the amount of 90 per cent. of the aggregate interest over 3 per cent. for the whole time such bonds have to run. Thus, 4 per cent. bonds, having twenty-three years to run, on being deposited as security for circulation, would entitle the bank depositing them to receive currency at the rate of 110,70 for each 100 bond deposited, that being 90 per cent. of the face value and 90 per cent. additional for all excess of interest over

### THE TEXAS-PACIFIC GRANT.

A Bill for Its Forfeiture to Be Reported. A Washington special says: The House Public Lands Committee has made good its promise to report an early forfeiture of the Texas Pacific and other land-grants. To-day the committee considered the arguments hich have been made and unanimously voted forfeit the grant of the Texas Pacific. The Il will be prepared at once. The determinaon of the Public Lands Committee to pro-ced with these land-grant roads as rapidly as ssible was illustrated by the fact that it as been decided in all the important hearings reafter to give to each case but one hour each side to the lawyers for argument. is will be considered a great hardship. The diroad men say that it is in fact an anouncement that the committee is organized

### Pleuro-Pneumonia.

[Washington Telegram.] The live-stock dealers, through Representave Hatch, have submitted to the House a etition asking legislation to protect their inrests. The memorialists ask Congress to covide means for the extinction of the dis. ase of pleuro-pneumonia. This, they say, in only be done by the slaughter of all in-octed cattle. The estimated expense of such measure is \$1,500,000. Not more than \$500,-70 need be immediately available. The me-perial further recommends the removing of e prejudice of foreign customers by a rigid stem of inspection for all meat products export, the expense of such inspection to borne by the exporter. States whose Leg-latures are now in session are asked to take mediate steps in the direction of co-opera-

### Fitz John Porter's Case.

Representatives Steele and Cutcheon, of e Committee on Military Affairs, have subitted the views of the minority on the Fitz ohn Porter bill. They state that the bill to aside the judgment of the highest millry tribunal ever organized in this country, be worn more than twice. thereby conflicting with the very spirit of the Constitution. It would have the effect of saying that the judgment of the court was either corrupt or founded on mistaken evi-dence, though that evidence was taken when the events were fresh in the minds of the

THE people of London, it is said, pay The back hair is still worm over the chair \$7,500,500 every year for water sold as milk pr on the bureau at night.

# APPALLING DISASTER.

lumbus Wrecked on the Bay State Coast.

A Terrible Hurricane and Pitiless Seas Drive Her on to Destruction.

Over One Hundred Persons Supposed to Have Gone to the Bottom

The steamship City of Columbus, bound from Boston to Savannah, with afty-nine first-class and twenty-two steerage passengers and a crew of forty-five, struck a rock and sunk off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. One hundred and four lives were lost. Only twenty-two persons were saved. The ill-fated vessel struck on the outside of Devil's Bridge buoy at 3:30 in the morning, the wind at the time blowing a gale. The vessel immediately filled and keeled over, the water breaking in and flooding the port-side saloon. All the passengers, excepting a few women and children, came on deck, nearly all wearing life-preservers. All the boats were cleared away, but were immediately swamped. A majority of the passengers were washed overboard and drowned. Seven left the vessel on a liferaft and about forty more took to the rigging. At 10:30 a. m. the Gayhead lifeboat put off and took seven persons. Another lifeboat put off between 12 and I o'clock. The revenue cutter Dexter came along about 12:30 p. m., and sent off two boats. Twenty-one-persons, one of whom is dead, were placed aboard the Dexter, and, after all persons had been taken from the vessel, the Dexter proceeded to New Bedford. Three persons died after going aboard the revenue cutter. The total numer saved was twenty-three. Five dead bodies were recovered and 119 souls are unaccounted for.

Capt, Wright, the commander of the lost steamer, says he passed Cross Rip lightship at 12 o'clock, and continued by east and west, with a strong breeze west by southwest.
"After passing Nobska, the course being west southwest," he says, "I stepped into my room to warm myself, as it was very cold. Everything was working well. After below a short time I heard the second mate who was in the pilot-house with the mate, sing out to the quartermaster to port helm I jumped out of my room, thinking we had come across some vessel bound down the sound. I then cried out 'hard aport,' not knowing but it was a vessel, and in the moon light I saw the buoy on Devn's bridge on the port, about two points forward of the beam and about 300 yards distant. The vessel immediately struck. I ordered the engine reversed, and she backed about twice her length. The steamer immediately stopped and I ordered the jib hoisted and endeavored to head her to the north, but she filled forward and listed over to port, so that he planks were about four feet under water. went aft and told the passengers to keep cool and get life-preservers. I next told the officers on the deck to get the boats ready. The steamer settled down aft and righted. It was blowing very hard, and a heavy sea was running. We launched on the port side, No. 6 boat, which immediately cap-sized. The sea was breaking over the steamer's deck, and her stern being entirely under the water, we were forced to go upon the top house. I staid there awhile, but we were finally obliged to take to the rigging. The mate, second mate, the chief engineer, and fourth engineer took to a raft. I think the steamer struck on a lone rock. The Captain is positive he struck outside the buoy, and in backing drifted inside."

Officers of the cutter Dexter furnished the following statement: About 12:30 o'clock we sighted a vessel ashore on a reef near Gayhead. The wind was blowing a gale, and s terrible sea was running. As we approached we saw the vessel was a steamer, and that the waves were breaking over her. We an-chored on her starboard quarter, two or three hundred yards away. The cutter's boat was at once lowered and manned with five men in charge of Lieut. Rhodes, who brought off seven men. A return trip was made and one man brought to the vessel. Lieut. Kennedy was then dispatched in the gig, with four men, and took off four or five men. Meanwhile the hieboat transferred several men to the cutter, and at length the rigging was cleared of survivors. The vessel sank in about four fathoms of water, and the railing of her bow was the only portion of her hull visible. We found men in

the fore and main tops and rigging. It was impossible to row over to the rigging, as the boats would have been pounded to pieces. The men in the rigging were forced to jump into the sea, and we caught them as they arose to the surface and pulled them into the boats. Some of the men could not swim, but nearly every one in the rigging was

Eugene McGarry jumped from the rigging, Lieut. Rhodes jumped for him, but the boat was lifted fifteen feet on the crest of a wave, and it was necessary to go to the starboard to avoid being crushed. McGarry was not seen afterward. At nearly the same instant McGarry's brother was pulled into the boat. Capt. Wright was among the last to leave the ship. Two men were frozen so stiff that they were unable to relinquish their hold on the rigging. They were at length the only persons remaining on the steamer except the Captain. Lieut. Rhodes asked him to jump, but he shouted, "Save those men first." "They are frozen," was the Lieutenant's answer. The Captain then jumped, and, aithough he could not swim a stroke, he was rescued by Lieut. Kennedy.

Lieut. Rhodes performed a heroic act, which elicits hearty commendation. Two men hung in the rigging, unable to move from exhaustion. The officer determined to save them at the peril of his life. Returning to the cutter, he asked Capt. Gabrielsen to give him a man to steer, that he might swim to the wreck and rescue the unfortunate men. The Captain granted the request, and Lieut. Rhodes was placed on the boat. But on nearing the steamer it was found & would be folly to attempt to go alongside. Lieut. Rhodes refused to abandon the attempt, and sang out to the men in the life-boat to take him to the wreck. Lieut. Rhodes bearded the life-boat, and, tying a rope about him, waited until within about thirty feet of the vessel, when he strang into the sea. Rhodes had nearly reached the wreck when

he was struck by a piece of timber, and sank. He was pulled aboard the boat and taken to the cutter. His leg was found to be cut, but after changing his clothing, as the sea was smoother, he determined to make a last attempt. He again set out for the wreck, and this time the men were reached. One was hanging by the feet and arms through the rathins, head down. Lieut. Rhodes put a bow-line about him, when he murmured: "For God's sake, don't touch me." who was found to be Mr. Richardson, was placed in a boat, but died before reaching the cutter. About \$400 was found in a wallet in his pocket. The second man, the last person removed from the wreck, was in the rathins in the weather-rigging, and, although breath ing when placed in the boat, also expired before reaching the cutter.

All the rescued give the highest praise to the officers of the revenue cutter for the bravery manifested in saving them from the The City of Columbus was one of the finest vessels on the coast. She was valued at \$300,000, and insured for \$250,000.

### FASHIONS FOR LADIES.

Prayer books are worn in the hand if bound Simple and artistic 5-o'clook-tea costumes may be purchased for \$100. They should not

A tasteful ball costume of point lace over andle-light-on-the-frog-pond colored slik may be gotten up at a cost of from \$500 to \$00. Of course a lady of fashion will not appear in the same ball dress a second time. Diamonds are still worn as much as ever on state occasions-by pawnbrokers' wives.